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Sir:

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1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover three (3) month extension of time fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Response to Restriction Requirement and Amendment and Remarks; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

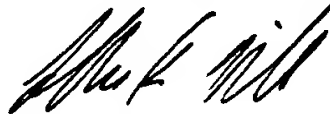
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